Post Office and which have Sub-Post Offices having three hands or more. This concept has been extended to select, similar Post Offices located in other stations which have large volume of counter transaction, especially in Saving Banks.

(b) Jajpur, Binjarpur, Dharmasala and Darpana Tehsils in Jajpur District do not currently have a Mukhya Dak Ghar. Jajpur Taluka has an H.O. at Headquarters. Hence, no MDG is proposed to be opened there.

(c) Proposals for setting up for Dak Ghars at Binjharpur and Dharmasala have been taken up for consideration. Dhanmadal, the Headquarters of Darpana, does not have a Sub-Post Office with three hands or more. Therefore, it is not possible to provide that Taluka with a Mukhya Dak Ghar.

Job creation by Communication and I.T. Industry

2229. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment opportunities/jobs created by Communication and I.T. industry during the last four years;

(b) the number of I.T. professionals who got employed abroad during the last four years; and

(c) Government's estimates about generation of jobs for trained personnel in I.T. sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) About 5.2 lakh jobs have been created by IT Industry as per NASSCOM estimated and 14,916 jobs have been filled by the Department of Telecommunications during the last four years.

(b) No data is available. However, as per NASSCOM estimates about 50,000 professionals are working overseas on project requirements.

(c) As per NASSCOM study (McKinsey Report) 23.67 lakhs of jobs are estimated to be created by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan period.

Telephone facility in village Pachayats of Rajasthan

2230. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village Panchayats in Sawai Madhopur and Karoli, Rajasthan which are still without telephone facility; and

(b) by when, telephone facility is likely to be provided to all the village Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) 13 Village Panchayats in Sawai Madhopur and 42 Village Panchayats in Karoli districts are still without telephone facility in Rajasthan.

(b) M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd. the private basic telephone service provider in Rajasthan has planned to cover these by December, 2003.

Waiting list for Telephone connections in ASSAM

2231. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on waiting list for telephone connections in Assam as on the 31st March, 2002, district-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to clear the above waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The number of persons on waiting list for the telephone connections as on 31st March, 2002 were 10101. Revenue district-wise break up is furnished in the enclosed Statement *(See* below*)*.